

**Virginia Department of Transportation
High Volume Unpaved Road Program
FY2017 Application Process**

Eligibility

- Unpaved roads carrying over 500 vehicles per day
- The hard-surfacing project must be in the County's approved Secondary System Six-Year Improvement Program

Background

§33.2-358 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the set-aside of up to \$500,000,000 to provide for certain transportation purposes. Of this amount 5% is set aside for unpaved roads. 10% of the unpaved road funds are to provide supplemental funding for providing a hard-surface on high volume unpaved roads. A high volume unpaved road is that which has a traffic count greater than 500 vehicles per day.

Application

The application is to be completed by authorized County staff. The completed application is submitted to the VDOT Residency Administrator, who will review and provide a recommendation. The application is then submitted to the Local Assistance Division for evaluation and scoring. Each county with qualifying routes may apply for available funds annually. Each county will need to submit separate application for each identified project. Applications for FY 2017 are to be submitted to the VDOT Residency Administrator by Friday, March 18, 2016. Applications are due to the Local Assistance Division by Friday, March 25, 2016.

Scoring

Scoring will be on a statewide competitive basis using the following criteria:

- Higher volume routes - 20%
- Engineering complete and necessary right of way secured - 20%
- Readiness for Construction - 15%
- Additional local funds allocated - 15%
- Project addresses identified safety issues - 15%
- Direct access to schools/community/public service facilities - 15%

Funding

- The total funding available statewide in FY 2017 is approximately \$1.63 million
- The maximum allocation per county is \$300,000
- The intent is to fully fund projects up to the \$300,000 local maximum
- Allocations will be scored and ranked on a statewide basis and available allocations will be awarded in the order of ranked priority
- Recommendations for funding will be presented to the CTB